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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038
Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling
of Food

To whom it may concern:

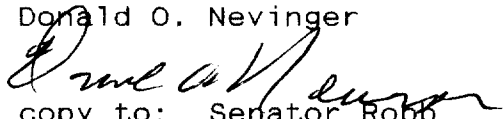
As an engineer, it is my scientific opinion that mandatory labeling
any and all food treated with radiation should be maintained.

If foods are radiated, a label stating "treated with radiation"
plus the international symbol of radiation should be prominently
displayed on and all foods, packaged and fresh. If sold bulk or
unpackaged, a prominent label with the international symbol for
radiation should be prominently displayed adjacent to the
product(s).

The effects of radiation upon the health of those handling the
radiation process as well as the health of the public consuming
radiated foods is not fully known. This will provide the FDA with
the opportunity to assess this technology.

Sincerely yours,

Donald O. Nevinger

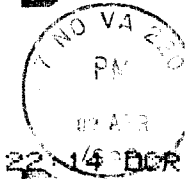


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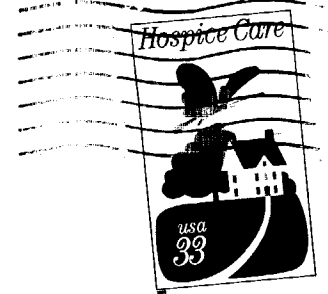
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